

CDC - Recommended Infection Control Practices for Dentistry

The new Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Health-Care Settings, 2003, were developed for dental health care personnel. The 2003 Guidelines update and revise previous guidelines and consolidate recommendations from other relevant CDC guidelines (e.g., Hand Hygiene in Healthcare Settings, Guidelines for Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel, Guidelines for Preventing the Transmission of Mycobacterium Tuberculosis in Health Care Facilities) as well as those of other major infection control organizations. Developed by CDC staff in collaboration with a working group of infection control experts, the document contains a review of the scientific evidence regarding dental infection control issues as well as consensus, evidence-based recommendations.

- [Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Health-Care Settings, 2003](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5217a1.htm)(<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5217a1.htm>). *MMWR*, December 19, 2003:52(RR-17).
 - [Appendix A: Regulatory Framework for Disinfectants and Sterilants](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5217a2.htm)(<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5217a2.htm>); includes Figure: Decreasing Order of Resistance of Micro-organisms to Germicidal Chemicals
 - [Appendix B: Immunizations Strongly Recommended for Health-Care Personnel \(HCP\)](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5217a3.htm)(<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5217a3.htm>)
 - [Appendix C: Methods for Sterilizing and Disinfecting Patient-Care Items and Environmental Surfaces](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5217a4.htm)(<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5217a4.htm>)
 - Also available as a [PDF file](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr5217.pdf)[PDF–1.2M](<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr5217.pdf>).
- [Slide Presentation](http://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/infectioncontrol/guidelines/ppt.htm)(<http://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/infectioncontrol/guidelines/ppt.htm>)

This slide presentation is provided by CDC to train clinical dental staff such as infection control coordinators, educators, and consultants on currently recommended infection control practices. It can be downloaded as a PowerPoint presentation or viewed on the Web site.